

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. It is vital to small businesses and individual consumers that ISP firms have access to this essential facility in order to guarantee the type of competition that makes services better and pricing affordable. Without this competition, the large telecommunications companies will continue to slow the growth of broadband and the development of the internet and its health as a business environment to suit their own needs based on greed and not the betterment of their services or affordability. I implore you to not do anything that will stifle competition in this space, as the economic impact of such action would have dire consequences for thousands of small businesses and millions of consumers.